



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

Date: October 10, 2013

To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee

Referral to: Zoning and Planning Committee

Subject: Referral from the September 16, 2013 City Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: See report from the City Planning Commission

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Presenter in Committee:

7. Loring Park Master Plan, Ward: 5 and 7, Beth Elliott, Principal Planner, 612-673-2442

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Other: See staff report(s) from the City Planning Commission

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The attached report summarizes the actions taken at the City Planning Commission meeting held on September 16, 2013. The findings and recommendations are respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

REPORT of the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION of the City of Minneapolis

The Minneapolis City Planning Commission, at its meeting on September 16, 2013 took action to **submit the attached comment** on the following:

7. Loring Park Master Plan (Ward: 5 and 7) ([Beth Elliott](#)).

A. Master Plan: Considering adoption of the *Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan*. The *Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan* is a long-range planning document that provides greater detail for public and private land investment and development in the Loring Park neighborhood.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council **adopt** the Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan as an articulation of and amendment to the policies found in the City's Comprehensive Plan and direct staff to begin a rezoning study to implement the adopted policy with these changes:

- Add a sentence to the end of policy 2.14: *Nightclubs, however, should continue to be prohibited along Nicollet Avenue south of Grant Street.*
- Eliminate the yellow hatch marks on Yale Place, Spruce Street, and Hawthorne Avenue from the Land Use Plan map.

- Add language to the final sentence in policy 2.24 to clarify that all applicable policies for the *Loring Hill Design Guidelines* have been brought into the plan as follows: The wording of this master plan takes precedence *and all applicable policies have been added to the plan without a requirement to refer back to the guidelines document itself.*
- Clarify the paragraph on Foundation in policy 2.26: The appearance of future renovation or redevelopment in the Loring Hill district should be consistent with the *Loring Hill Design Guidelines* as ~~interpreted through~~ *included in* this neighborhood plan.
- Clarify the paragraph on Relationship of Buildings to Street in policy 2.26: To enhance the walking environment, frontage design and the relationship of buildings to the public sidewalk and street should follow the principles established in ~~section 2.6 of the Loring Hill Design Guidelines~~ *this plan.*
- Eliminate the paragraph on Architectural Standards in policy 2.26 as it requires the reader to seek reference from the *Loring Hill Design Guidelines* document when all applicable sections should be in the plan.
- In the Public Realm chapter on page 10, add this sentence to the introductory paragraph under the Streets section: *While these Loring Park Plan recommendations provide a certain level of specificity, the City may need to achieve the intent of the Plan's recommendations through alternative design solutions based on current best practices which are feasible and practical to implement and maintain.*
- Because road functional classifications are set at the State level, eliminate policy 4.7 that requests a reclassification of Oak Grove Street in this plan.
- Change areas on Loring Hill with a three-story height recommendation to four stories.

Aye: Brown, Cohen, Huynh, Kronzer, Luepke-Pier, Slack and Wielinski

Absent: Schiff